

REVENUE FOR POLICE & FIRE

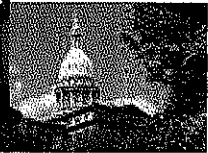


**Let local units solve their budget problems
by using technology to collect fine revenue
that is needed for local services.**





Michigan Senate



Senate Committee For Transportation

Senate Bill 130

Thank you for taking the time to receive comments about legislation that will provide much needed revenue for critical public services. I appreciate your time and want to thank my Senator, Senator David Hildebrand, for introducing this legislation. The bill is very straight forward – it helps cash strapped local units by using existing technology to collect additional parking fines due from people by using a methodology already in place. Specifically, following the contact made via past due notices from the city, registered vehicle owners are put on notice in a third letter that the unpaid fines due are being sent to the District Court. If no response is made to the District Court after ten or more days, the court staff utilizes their link with the Secretary of State to flag the registered owner's record and keep them from renewing their driver's license. This is currently being done for hundreds of people owing six or more tickets. By reducing the threshold of parking tickets from six to three, the City of Grand Rapids can "electronically" reach out and collect a significant portion of the \$3,453,690 in unpaid parking fines we are owed.

The benefits from this legislation are that the cities and other communities will be able to collect additional amounts which are owed and can use the additional fine revenue to pay for critical Police and Fire services. In addition, persons owing parking fines will now be culpable to pay the fines due at a much more manageable level than when they accumulate six unpaid parking tickets. The revised law will help us reduce our lost fine revenue which totaled \$1,274,406 in parking fines that have been written off over the last three years.

At present, our Parking Violations Bureau mails a past due notice after the parking ticket is overdue 60 days. We send a final notice after 90 days informing the person that the parking ticket(s) may be sent to Court or our Collection Agency. If a person has six or more parking violation notices, they receive a letter indicating that the person must answer the civil infraction at the 61st District Court or pay the parking fines within 10 days. If the person fails to answer or pay the fines, the 61st District Court mails a Late Notice informing the person of the need to comply with the judgment rendered or there are consequences, including notifying the Secretary of State that the person failed to answer or pay the fines. The Secretary of State, after being informed of the failure of the person to comply with the requirements to answer or pay the parking fines, will not issue a license to the person or renew a license for the person until they have resolved all outstanding matters regarding the unpaid fines. The person must pay the fines and a \$45 driver license clearance fee to clear their record. The notice to the Secretary of State occurs via an electronic network utilized by the District Court and the process is automated to "flag" their license record.

The City of Grand Rapids Mayor, our City Commissioners, and our District Court wholeheartedly support this bill and encourage you to assist local units such as Grand Rapids as we address our revenue shortfall. If you have any questions or wish to contact me for further information, please e-mail me at amooney@grcity.us or call me at (616) 456-3285. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Albert C. Mooney
Grand Rapids City Treasurer



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN
OVERDUE NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION
FIRST NOTICE

Notice Date 04/09/2010

The parking violation ticket(s) issued against your vehicle is overdue. Please promptly remit payment to avoid additional fines. For questions, or if you wish to contest this matter by requesting a Civil Infraction Hearing to be scheduled at the 61st District Court with a Magistrate, please contact the Parking Violations Bureau in person or via telephone at 616-456-3020.

Failure to respond may result in the issuance of a civil infraction citation and court action. You may be prevented from renewing your driver's license and additional fines may be imposed, plus court costs.

GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503

Ticket No.	License No.	Date Issued	Next Fine Date	*Payment Activity	Amount Due
37107140	CAY0375	02/10/2010 09:34	05/11/10		\$ 40.00

Total Amount Due as of 04/09/2010: \$40.00

* Original fine doubles after 10 days and triples after 90 days following issue date if violation is not paid in full.

* Payment amounts may represent late payments that did not satisfy doubled or tripled fines. *

Amount due may represent penalties for late payment.

Please disregard this notice if you have remitted your payment for the violations listed above.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- ☐ Pay in person at the City Treasurer's Office located at 300 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI
- ☐ Mail check or money order to:
PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU
300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503
- ☐ Pay at the City of Grand Rapids Treasurer's payment drop box located on Ottawa Ave NW, across from the Calder Plaza.
- ☐ Pay by fax machine with a credit card (Disc, MC, and Visa), for no fee. Call 616-456-3020 and request the City of Grand Rapids Treasurer's fax payment form.
- ☐ Pay online, for a fee, by credit card (Visa, MC) or check at www.REMIT-ONLINE.com/616001.
- ☐ Pay by credit card by phone, for a fee, by calling 1-877-495-0333. (Amex, Disc, MC, and Visa)

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT TO THE PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU

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37107140	CAY0375	02/10/10	05/11/10		\$ 40.00

DO NOT SEND CASH

PLEASE INDICATE
TICKET NUMBER(S)
ON CHECK

Make check or money order payable to:
GRAND RAPIDS CITY TREASURER,
and mail to
300 MONROE AVE NW RM 220
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

Total Amount Due as of 04/09/2010: \$40.00

PAYMENT
AMOUNT: \$ _____



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS MICHIGAN

OVERDUE NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATION FINAL NOTICE

Notice Date 03/23/2009

This is the final notice that one or more of the below listed parking violation ticket(s) issued against your vehicle is overdue. Please promptly remit payment.

Accounts not paid within 30 days of this notice date may be turned over to the 61st District Court and/or a collection agency. A civil infraction citation can be issued and you may be prevented from renewing your driver's license. Further, the court may impose a fine of up to \$100, plus costs. All vehicles with six or more delinquent tickets are subject to impoundment. For questions please call 616-456-3020.

ROCKFORD

MI 49341

Ticket No.	License No.	Date Issued	Next Fine Date*	Payment Activity	Amount Due
25042986	4HNR42	12/17/07	03/16/08	*Payment Received*	\$ 24.00
25043406	4HNR42	12/18/07	03/17/08	*Payment Received*	\$ 24.00
25043756	4HNR42	12/19/07	03/18/08	*Payment Received*	\$ 24.00
25044305	4HNR42	12/20/07	03/19/08	*Payment Received*	\$ 24.00

Total Amount Due as of 03/23/2009: \$96.00

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GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

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PAYMENT
AMOUNT: \$ _____

OFFICE OF
CITY
TREASURER



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

DECEMBER 31,

Grand Rapids, MI 49508

SUBJECT: CIVIL INFRACTION #(s) G09914 - SIX OR MORE
TOTALING \$870.00 PARKING VIOLATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please be advised that the enclosed civil infraction(s) complaint(s) has been issued and filed, thereby transferring your delinquent parking violations to the **61ST DISTRICT COURT**. The Grand Rapids Parking Violations Bureau will no longer accept any payment for these violations. If you do not wish further action by the **61ST DISTRICT COURT**, payment must be tendered in person, by mail, or by representative to the **61ST DISTRICT COURT, 180 OTTAWA AVE. NW, SUITE 1400, GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503**, on or before **JANUARY 21, 2008**.

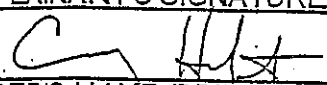
Unless you make payment in full, by the date given, you are directed to appear at the Court to answer to the complaint. Failure to answer the civil infraction will result in the entry of a default judgment by the Court. The end result may be additional court costs incurred, a bench warrant may be issued, the matter will be forwarded to the **61st District Court Collection Agency**, and notice will be given to the credit bureau. The City is initiating the chain of events defined by the law which states the Court may notify the Secretary of State and the Secretary of State shall not issue a license to persons with six or more delinquent parking violations.

Please give this matter your immediate attention. Note should be made that, as indicated on the previous parking violations you have received, your vehicle may be subject to impound unless payment is made on your parking violations. If you have any questions, please contact the **61ST DISTRICT COURT** at (616) 632-5565, referencing the above Civil Infraction number(s).

Very truly yours,

Albert C. Mooney
City Treasurer

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STATE OF MICHIGAN UNIFORM LAW CITATION		TICKET NO. G09914			
		INCIDENT NO.		DEPT NO.	
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, MI		LOCAL USE/ARREST NO.		DETECTION DEVICE	
				BAC OF	
THE UNDERSIGNED SAYS THAT ON:	MONTH/DAY/YEAR 28-Dec-07	AT ABOUT 9:00 a.m.	DATE OF BIRTH	MONTH/DAY/YEAR 6/28/1983	
DRIVERS LICENSE P-610-1					
NAME(FIRST, MI, LAST)					
STREET					
CITY, STATE, ZIP					
PLATE: 9DKZ64, AAS4596, V7610966, WYW886		VEHICLE: CHEVROLET, DODGE, KIA, PONTIAC, GEO		STATE: MICHIGAN	
THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE, IN VIOLATION OF LOCAL ORDINANCE AT OR NEAR:					
WITHIN THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS, COUNTY OF KENT, DID THE FOLLOWING:					
OFFENSE CODE 10.58(A)(B), 10.41, 10.70,					
C/I - CIVIL INFRACTIONS: 0442988, 0461203, 15533184, 15533420, 12925975, 10547342, D0502949, 0531577, 0527375, 0544257, 22205374, 0478111, 12403425.					
13 TICKETS					
TOTAL AMOUNT SENT TO COURT: \$870.00					
<input type="checkbox"/>	APPEARANCE DATE ON OR BEFORE				
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEARING DATE (IF APPLICABLE) ON		<input type="checkbox"/>	CONTACT COURT	
<input type="checkbox"/>	JUVENILE TRAFFIC				
<input type="checkbox"/>	FORMAL HEARING				
<p align="center">IN THE 61st DISTRICT COURT OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 61st DISTRICT COURT, 180 OTTAWA NW, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN 49503 (616) 632-5525</p>					
<input type="checkbox"/> I SERVED A COPY OF THE CIVIL INFRACTION COMPLAINT UPON THE DEFENDANT (OR OWNER/OCCUPANT BY POSTING IF APPLICABLE)					
I DECLARE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS ABOVE ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION, KNOWLEDGE, AND BELIEF.					
COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE		MONTH/DAY/YEAR			
		12-31-07			
OFFICER'S NAME (PRINTED)		OFFICER'S ID NO.			
AGENCY ORI MI-4143600		AGENCY NAME GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT			

State of Michigan In the 61st District Court	CITY PARKING ENFORCEMENT LATE NOTICE	Case Number: 2010-OK-0400003
Kent County Courthouse, Suite 1400, 180 Ottawa NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2751		Phone: (616) 632-5525
CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS	VS.	

Citation No.: 0400003

TO:

GRAND RAPIDS MI 49506

TO THE DEFENDANT:

Regarding notice of failure to comply with:

Failure to Pay Fines and Fees -
Charges: Parking - Failed to pay six or more
Issued: 4/7/2010
Amount Due: \$830.00

This letter is to inform you that any parking tickets previously owed to the City Treasurer's Office are now due to be paid at the 61st District Court. You have been notified of this process by letter from the City Treasurer's Office and you are in default.

If you fail to comply with the judgment rendered in this case on or before 7/01/2010

1. Drivers License will be put on hold immediately.
2. Drivers License will not be issued/renewed if six or more parking tickets
3. A bench warrant may be issued for your arrest with warrant fees added to amount of your judgment.
4. Discovery Subpoena
5. Garnishment (Wage-Bank-Income Tax)
6. Execution Against Property
7. Vehicle Impound

All cost for court action will be incurred by defendant and added to original fees. Payment may be made in person or by mail and must be received by this court no later than the due date above. Return this notice with your payment.

Accepted forms of payment:

Visa/Mastercard, accepted in person or On Line At www.grcourt.org - Cash - Personal Check - Money Order - Cashiers Check

* The Court also offers a Work Program.

* Payment plans may be available by request.

6/1/2010

Date

Vickie Morren

Deputy Court Clerk/Magistrate

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on this date a copy of this order was sent by ordinary mail to the person and address as shown above.

6/1/2010

Date

DR

Deputy Court Clerk/Magistrate